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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above patent application as follows.

In the specification:

Page 1, line 1, replace the title with the following new title:

Solid Picture Element Manufacturing Method

Page 1, line 2, before the "Field of the Invention" insert the following new paragraph:

This is a divisional of application no. 09/177,254, filed October 22, 1998.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17 and 25-39.

Please add the following claims. All claims in the application are attached to this amendment.

40. A method of manufacturing a solid picture element having a semiconductor substrate of a first conductive type with a first surface, a transistor located within the semiconductor substrate for amplifying charges, a charge